

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 21-56 remain pending. Claims 27 and 35 are withdrawn from consideration.

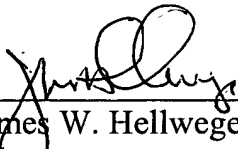
**Specification Amendments**

The specification is amended to include a Brief Description of the Drawings. No new matter is added by this amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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